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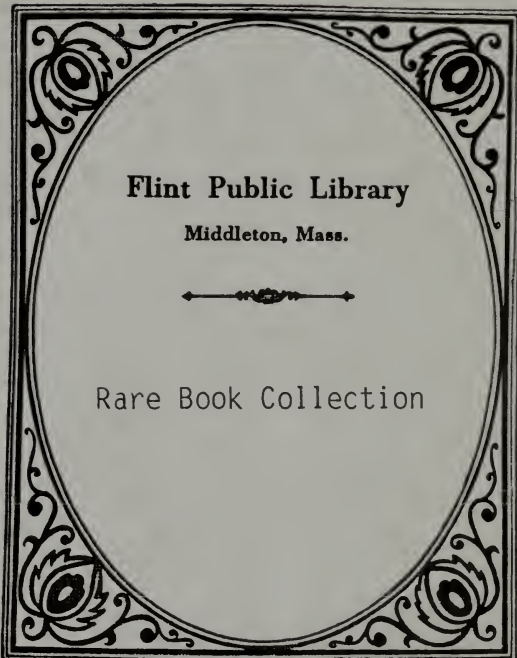
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REPORT.

Selectmen's Department.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Joseph A. Batchelder, as Selectman and Assessor,	\$45 00
Samuel Peabody, " "	47 00
Jesse W. Peabody, " "	45 60
O. L. Carleton, services as Treasurer, "	25 00
Joseph A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk,	8 00
Simon F. Esty, collecting taxes,	45 84
J. A. Batchelder, recording marriages,	
births and deaths.....	12 70
J. A. Batchelder, auditing accounts in 1878.....	6 00
Samuel Peabody, " " "	6 00
Jesse W. Peabody. " " "	6 00
Martin J. Cheney, as School Committee.....	30 00.
Hiram A. Stiles, " " "	25 00
Ansel P. Tyler, " " "	16 00
J. Hovey Eaton, as Constable.....	15 00
	\$333 14

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Ward 1, Levi Curtis, Surveyor. Appropriation....	\$109 75
2, A. A. Averill, " " "	85 00
3, Levi F. Atwood, " " "	55 00
4, Eli S. Soper, " " "	45 00
5, C. H. Richardson, " " "	50 05
6, L. H. Wilkins, " " "	60 00
7, Henry Peabody, " " "	50 65
8, B. W. Peabody, " " "	100 00
9, S. M. Peabody, " " "	40 00
10, James Flint, " " "	45 00

J. B. Thomas & Co., lumber for bridge.....	\$43 35
Amos Pratt, plank and labor “	15 56
James Flint, “ “	5 50
John A. Curtis, “ “	5 25
Samuel M. Peabody “ “	6 65
Jesse W. Peabody “ “	11 00
Edward W. Wilkins, lumber “	5 31
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, nails “	4 75
	\$737 83

SNOW BILLS.

Henry Peabody's bill.....	\$ 5 25
S. E. McGlauffin “	8 25
Benj. W. Peabody “	18 24
S. A. Peabody “	2 83
Sam'l M. Peabody “	2 00
James Flint “	1 00
Porter I. Gould “	5 85
John M. Peabody “	4 20
K. F. Richardson “	6 50
L. H. Wilkins “	2 60
W. Q. Richardson “	7 00
Eli S. Soper “	2 25
Donovan & Richardson.....	5 00
Geo. P. Wilkins “	2 00
L. F. Atwood “	13 75
Benj. W. Peabody “	12 83
Levi Curtis “	6 00
C. H. Richardson “	7 90
	\$113 45

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Orders drawn from Feb. 1, 1879 to Feb. 1, 1880..	\$228 00
Amount paid W. W. Peabody under Chap. 252,	
Acts of 1879.....	36 50
	\$264 50

By Cash of Augustus Shepard, use of Town Hall,	\$157	29
" " John M. Peabody, " " "	9	75
" due from Cong. Society, " " "	10	00
	\$177	04

MISCELLANEOUS.

Addison Tyler, care of Cemetery two years, and returning deaths.....	\$21 00
J. Hovey Eaton, services as Fish Warden to March 1, 1880.....	5 00
E. S. Phelps, administering oaths.....	1 00
David Stiles, journey to Boston, bolts, wrenches, rods, etc.....	12 01
Robin Damon, printing fish permits and notices..	3 75
Foote & Horton. " 500 orders, for order book,	5 25
Wm. A. Sawyer, new runners for hearse and painting the same.....	50 00
Geo. A. Davis, damage sustained on highway....	3 75
Isaac R. Gates, labor and material for new pound.	31 67
Patrick Donovan, damage allowed for accident on bridge.....	25 00
Isaac R. Gates, ice-box and car fare to Salem....	35 10
Farnham Stiles, care of weights and measures....	1 50
Danvers Water Board, use of water for Cemetery,	6 00
Patrick Galespie, labor on Cemetery.....	2 25

Cyrus K. Wilkins, expressage.....	2 10
Goodell & Batchelder, printing Town and School Reports.....	32 00
Wm. A. Phelps, labor on Town Hall, 1878.....	1 35
Thomas Carlin, labor on Cemetery.....	40 00
Robin Damon, printing school reports.....	13 00
Jesse W. Peabody, journey to Boston and car fare,	2 40
J. A. Batchelder, journeys to Boston, Saugus, and Salem.....	7 00
J. A. Batchelder, cash paid, car fare, stationery, and postage.....	8 30
Abatements.....	8 52
Interest.....	645 28
	\$953 23

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

L. G. McIntire, teach'g Grammar School, \$370 00	
O. R. Graves, " Primary School, 296 00	
R. P. Cheney, " " " 17 50	
H. Tyler, " " " 5 00	
Batchelder & Co., coal.....	30 00
Jeremiah Fuller, wood.....	10 83
William Berry, "	2 00
Willis Peabody, sawing wood.....	2 00
W. W. Wilkins, services as Janitor....	25 00—\$758 33

NORTH SCHOOL.

E. F. Wilkins, teaching 37 weeks.....	\$296 00
Farnham Stiles, wood.....	14 06
Luther Wilkins, "	8 00
H. A. Stiles, "	5 50
F. Stiles, sawing "	5 72
A. E. Berry, " "	1 00
W. A. Murray, care of fires.....	4 00
J. A. Burgess, " "	5 00—\$339 28

EAST SCHOOL.

J. P. Wilkins, teaching 37 weeks.....	\$296 00
J. B. Thomas & Co., wood.....	20 50
G. H. Wilkins, sawing wood.....	6 00
“ “ “ care of fires.....	10 00—\$332 50
Balance due the schools.....	301 37
	\$1,731 48

Balance due the schools last year....	\$ 143 68
Town appropriation for schools.....	1300 00
Cash received from State school fund	218 91
Cash received from dog licenses.....	68 89—\$1,731 48

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for schools.....	\$ 5 68
J. E. Fairbank, slating boards.....	7 33
Fletcher Symmes, setting glass.....	4 15
Willis W. Esty, repairs on school-house.....	2 10
J. L. Hammet, music-stand, book, etc.....	3 06
A. W. Berry, repairs on school-house.....	3 50
Eliza Bird, cleaning “ “	5 00
E. A. Mitchell, stock and labor on school-house....	12 38
William Lever, use of well.....	2 00
J. E. Ropes, funnel for school-house.....	97
Sarah P. Batchelder, use of well.....	5 00
Wm. A. Phelps, repairs on school-house.....	6 36
Robin Damon, school cards.....	3 50
G. R. Norton, stove.....	13 00
Wm. A. Russell, cleaning clock.....	1 50
J. L. Hammett, maps, books and slating.....	19 74
	95 27

Overseers' Department.

David Stiles, chairs and bedstead for Pat Gillispie, \$	2 45
City of Lawrence, aid for Mrs. Gillispie.....	45
Geo. W. Daniels, supplies for Mrs. Gillispie's family	6 00
P. M. Chase, medical attendance “ “ “	17 00
W. E. Knight, “ “ “ “ “	48 75

J. W. Peabody, drawing wood for Gillispie family,	2 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies	124 76
A. W. Peabody, " " "	50 44
M. E. Tyler, " G. W. Daniels,	86 79
Thomas Hoyt, " " "	1 50
Jeremiah Fuller, wood " " "	13 75
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies " " "	5 44
A. W. Peabody. " " "	23 00
M. E. Tyler, " Mrs. McIntire.	52 00
A. W. Peabody, " " "	8 16
Jeremiah Fuller, wood " "	6 43
M. E. Tyler, supplies for Martha Kimball.....	14 17
Asa Howe, house rent for G. W. Daniels and Pat Gillispie.....	60 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies for H. Nichols.....	3 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for H. Nichols....	10 00
A. W. Peabody, " " "	3 91
M. E. Tyler; supplies for Mrs. Bird.....	4 00
W. H. Hutchinson, house rent for Mrs. Bird.....	15 00
City of Salem, supplies for Henry Mansfield.....	34 75
J. H. Allen, coffin for Robert Irving's child.....	5 00
Addison Tyler, burial of " " ".....	5 50
City of Haverhill, board for Frank Guilford.....	109 28
Town of Danvers, supplies for Richard Tiernan...	142 06
J. H. Allen, coffin for Mrs. Lucy Nichols.....	16 00
Addison Tyler, burial of " " ".....	6 00
John W. Peabody, board for Flint Estes.....	36 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Andrew Gould	1 50
Benj. Howe, cash paid. and services as overseer...	18 05
A. W. Peabody, cash paid for car fare, postage, and express.....	4 20
A. W. Peabody, supplies for the tramp house.....	8 34
" " " services as overseer. and locking up 201 tramps.....	35 50
J. Conlan & S. Campbell, for use of well for tramp house 2 years.....	3 00
H. A. Stiles, services as overseer.....	3 00
Unsettled bills of this year.....	45 00

Due from North Andover.....	\$ 14 17	
“ “ “ Reading.....	85 59	
“ “ the State.....	10 50	
Unsettled bills of last year paid.....	47 00	
Whole cost of supporting the poor.....	875 42	
	\$1,032 68	\$1,032 68

Summary of Expenses.

Town Officers' Bills.....	\$333 14	
Highways and Bridges.....	737 83	
Removing Snow.....	113 45	
State Aid Account.....	264 50	
Cemetery.....	50 00	
Miscellaneous.....	963 23	
Appropriation for Schools.....	1,587 80	
Incidental School Expense.....	95 27	
Expense of Supporting the Poor.....	875 42	
	\$5,020 64	

In accordance with a vote of the town, the Selectmen submit the following estimate of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year:—

Current Expenses.....	\$1,800 00	
Reduction of Town Debt.....	500 00	
Interest on Town Debt.....	525 00	
Schools.....	1,150 00	
Highways.....	700 00	
Bridges.....	100 00	
Cemetery.....	50 00	
	\$4,825 00	

O. L. CARLETON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT CURRENT
WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1880.

Dr.

To balance in Treasury, Feb. 20, 1879.....	\$1,668 16	
To cash of North Andover.....	130 05	

State Treasurer, bank tax.....	34 30
North Reading.....	17 23
E. L. Lovejoy, peddler's license.....	6 00
J. M. Peabody, use of Town Hall.....	9 75
Different persons on Town notes.....	4,500 00
" " for Cemetery lots....	18 75
State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	10 37
" " state aid.....	192 00
" " bank tax.....	105 70
" " from school fund.....	218 91
" " relief of soldiers.....	117 00
" " burial of paupers.....	10 00
County " dog tax refunded.....	68 89
Augustus Shepard, use of Town Hall.	157 29
M. E. Tyler, school books.....	136 31
S. Peabody, old plank.....	3 75
A. W. Peabody, on tax of 1877.....	712 04
D. E. Graves, on tax of 1878.....	975 22
Simon F. Esty, collector.....	5,020 53

\$14,112 25

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By cash paid different persons on notes.....	\$4,853 00
As interest on notes.....	645 28
State Treasurer, state tax.....	135 00
On Selectmen's and Overseers' orders,	5,678 73
Balance in Treasury.....	2,800 24

\$14,112 25

O. L. CARLETON, TREASURER.

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real Estate.....	\$428,685 00
Personal Estate.....	82,481 00

\$511,166 00

Number of polls, 277

Tax on polls.....\$ 415 50

Tax on real and personal estate at \$1.20 per \$100.. 6,133 99

\$6,549 49

Amount voted by the town for current expenses..\$2,000 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ reduction town debt, 500 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ interest..... 700 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ schools..... 1,300 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ highways..... 700 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ bridges..... 100 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ cemetery..... 50 00

“ “ “ “ “ “ library..... 400 00

State tax..... 135 00

County tax..... 440 87

Overlay on taxes..... 223 62

\$6,549 49

Selectmen's Valuation of Town Property.

Town Hall and land.....\$7,000 00

School houses and land..... 8,800 00

Lock-up and land..... 500 00

Cemetery..... 500 00

Hearse and house..... 400 00

Fire Apparatus..... 800 00

Gravel Pit..... 50 00

\$18,050 00

Financial Condition of the Town.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent.\$10,500 00

“ due the schools..... 301 37

“ “ the library..... 140 00

“ of outstanding orders..... 38 25

“ “ unsettled bills..... 100 00

\$11,079 62

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account...\$2,800 24

Due for State aid reimbursements..... 262 25

Due from State for corporation tax.....	125 00
Due from North Reading.....	85 59
Due from North Andover.....	14 17
Due from Peabody.....	12 51
School books on hand.....	77 92
Amount of uncollected taxes of 1877.....	125 00
.. .. 1878.....	406 41
.. .. 1879.....	1,089 35
Due for Cemetery lots.....	117 50
.. .. use of Town Hall.....	10 00
Balance against the town.....	5,953 68
	\$11,079 62

Decrease in town debt..... \$1,429 10

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER.	} Selectmen of Middleton.
SAMUEL PEABODY.	
JESSE W. PEABODY.	

Middleton, February 20, 1880.

The Public Library.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of Flint Public Library in this their first report, would congratulate the citizens of Middleton on the large and valuable accession of reading matter placed at their disposal by the generous donation of Hon. Charles L. Flint, and the gift of the books belonging to the Middleton Library Association. The former not only presented \$1,000 to the town for a Public Library, but he has contributed over 400 volumes, including Reports of the Mass. State Board of Agriculture, of which he has been Secretary since 1853. These Reports contain much that is interesting, useful and instructive.

We are greatly indebted to Chas. O. Whitmore, Esq., of Boston, for a set of Appleton's Cyclopædia, which is in itself a complete library.

Hon. J. J. H. Gregory has kindly remembered us in a present of 22 volumes.

The History of Essex County was presented by J. H. Devereux Esq. It is a large and handsome volume, a valuable addition to any library.

We are deeply grateful to all who have favored us with contributions.

We trust that this Library, which has been started under such favorable circumstances, will constantly increase in size and value, thus being a power in promoting the intelligence of the community, and if "properly cherished and maintained, become a blessing not only to the present, but to future generations."

WILLIAM A. PHELPS.	} Trustees.
JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	
ANSEL P. TYLER,	
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,	
JAMES FLINT,	
GILMAN A. KIMBALL.	

Middleton, Feb. 2, 1880.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books purchased.....	712
" presented by Library Association.....	910
" " Hon. C. L. Flint.....	400
" " Secretary of State.....	75
" " Hon. J. J. H. Gregory.....	22
" " Charles O. Whitmore, Esq.....	16
" " J. H. Devereux, Esq.....	1
" " William White.....	1
State, Official, and Law Documents.....	313
	2,450

The Library was opened for delivery of books, August 30, 1879.

Whole number of persons to whom cards have been issued.....	405
Books taken out during the month of Sept., 1879....	606
" " " " " " " " Jan., 1880.....	1,241
Circulation during the five months preceding February 1, 1880.....	4,324

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, LIBRARIAN.

Middleton, Feb. 2, 1880.

TREASURER OF THE FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY, IN AC-
COUNT WITH THE TRUSTEES.

Received of the Town.....	\$260 00	
" from sale of catalogues and fines	29 80	
" of Library Association.....	25 39	—\$315 19
Paid for expressage.....	\$ 11 80	
" " stock and carpenter work.....	17 77	
" " printing cards and painting....	7 25	
" S. A. Fletcher, preparing cata- logue for printing.....	~~72 04~~ 40.00	
" Librarian's Salary, five months.....	26 66	
" Librarian, for extra services.....	10 00	
" for miscellaneous bills.....	~~2 66~~ 35.70	
" " printing catalogues.....	120 00	
" " engraving, etc.....	15 20	
" " repairing old books, etc.....	23 51	
In Treasurer's hands, Feb. 18.....	7 30	—\$315 19

The amount unexpended from the one thousand dollars given by Mr. Flint for the Library is \$164.00, which is deposited in the Danvers Savings Bank.

WM. A. PHELPS, TREASURER.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

*To J. Hovey Eaton, Constable of the Town
of Middleton, in the County of Essex,*

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on MONDAY, the First Day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers; by vote of the town, after the election of Moderator and town clerk, all other officers required to be chosen by ballot are to be voted for on one ticket, and the polls are to be kept open until four o'clock P. M.

Art. 3. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

Art. 4. To see how much money the town will raise to support schools the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see how much money the town will raise to repair roads and bridges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

Art. 6. To act on a list of jurors, prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Art. 7. To see what action the town will take concerning the Cemetery.

Art. 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to letting the Town Hall.

Art. 9. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire such sums of money, in anticipation of the taxes, as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

Art. 11. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the election and compensation of firemen.

Art. 12. To hear the report of a committee chosen to estimate the cost of an extension stage and a curtain and other appliances; and to see if the town will vote to purchase the same for Town Hall.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to purchase Hydrants and decide where to locate them, or otherwise, to see if the town will vote to purchase additional hose.

Art. 14. To see what action the town will take in relation to the fish called black bass, in Middleton pond.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office in said town, seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February, A. D. 1880.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Selectmen of Middleton.
SAMUEL PEABODY,	
JESSE W. PEABODY.	

